

House Resolution No. 144

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State couples who have admirably demonstrated the strength, depth, and vitality of their love through the longevity of their marital vows; and

Whereas, forty years ago Albert Runnels took the lovely hand of his beautiful bride, the former Joan Borgfield, as the two pledged their troth during a solemn wedding ceremony which took place on June 27, 1964, at Emanuel United Church of Christ; and

Whereas, four decades later Albert and Joan Runnels of Jackson observed their Fortieth Wedding Anniversary with a festive gathering of family members and friends on June 27, 2004, in the Fellowship Hall of Emanuel United Church of Christ; and

Whereas, the marriage of Albert and Joan Runnels has been richly blessed down through the years with the love and affection of their children, Tammy and Darin Crites and Renea and Chris Taormina, and their four grandchildren, Justin Kelley, Ryan Kelley, Megan Taormina, and Anna Crites; and

Whereas, Albert Runnels has supported his family through his diverse endeavors as a farmer, while Joan Runnels has contributed to the welfare of her husband and children through her professional activities as a reading teacher in the Jackson school district; and

Whereas, Albert and Joan Runnels used the occasion of their Fortieth Wedding Anniversary to reflect on the many changes which have occurred in their lives, in society, and around the world since the blessed day they became husband and wife; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper that the Missouri House of Representatives pauses in its diverse daily activities in order to recognize such stellar citizens as Albert and Joan Runnels during momentous times in their lives:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the long, productive marriage engaged in by Albert and Joan Runnels and to convey to them this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and our best wishes as they celebrate their Fortieth Wedding Anniversary; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Albert and Joan Runnels of Jackson, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Scott A. Lipke
District No. 157

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 144, adopted January 18, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker